

## A COSTLY FIRE.

One Fireman Killed and Two Badly Hurt.

A \$450,000 Conflagration in a Milwaukee, Wis., Tannery.

The Fire Spread so Quick That the Firemen in the Upper Stories Were Cut Off From Escape, and They Had to Jump From the Windows.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 28.—The William Becker Leather Co.'s big tannery, together with that of Conrad Bros., burned Tuesday morning. The plant of Conrad Bros. is completely burned. Like all the big fires of late it was attended with fatality.

One fireman is dead, another is missing and two men are lying badly injured at the emergency hospital. The list is: Julius Heubner, pipeman, Company No. 6, dead; unknown, member fire patrol, missing; Thomas Maloney, lineman, Company No. 6, injured internally; John Geogh, pipeman, Company No. 6, badly bruised and injured internally. The plant of the William Becker Co. is valued at about \$500,000, and that of Conrad Bros., as stated by the senior member of the firm, at \$400,000. Both are partly insured.

Two minutes before 6 o'clock Gustav Trost, of the Trost tannery, adjoining the burned buildings, saw the flames bursting from the second story of one of the Becker tannery buildings, and turned in the alarm. When the companies arrived the main building of the Becker plant was enveloped in flames, and a general alarm was turned in, and in a short time all of the apparatus of the city was on hand. Fanned by a fresh southwest wind, the fire burned briskly.

The firemen were seriously handicapped by the fire in the rear of the building, from which they were shut off by the river. The fire tug Cataract had a difficult time in plowing through the thick smoke, and its progress was so slow that by the time the fire was reached the flames had gained a fatal headway and had leaped to the adjacent building. The latter building was filled with firemen working on the Becker building.

So quickly did the flames spread that those at work in the upper story were cut off from escape. Many of the firemen jumped from the windows, but beyond a few who were bruised none were severely injured save those mentioned in the list above. Thomas Sullivan attempted to find his way through the dense smoke to the entrance, but was obliged to retreat. Reaching the window he was overcome and fell to the ground outside. He died almost immediately.

The source of the fire is a mystery. The watchman affirms that he had visited the place at which it started a few moments before, and that all was well. There was nothing in the room which could give credence to the spontaneous combustion theory. "There is no doubt," said Mr. Becker, the president, "that it was incendiary."

## UNRULY CONVICTS.

A Fight in the Ohio Penitentiary in Which a Revolver Was Used.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28.—There was a lively fight and shooting scrape at the penitentiary Tuesday morning. John Jones, a colored life prisoner, from Clarke county, received in 1890, and employed in Hayden's bucket shop got into a fight with Arthur Cultice, a Green county forger.

Guard A. W. Durkee separated the men and went to his desk to make out a report of the occurrence. While he was doing so the men got to fighting again, and when Durkee went to them Jones attacked him, throwing him to the floor and pounding and biting him. Foreman Patton went to the rescue and pulled Jones off, and Jones was sent to work again.

When a report of the fight was sent to Deputy Warden Playford he sent Patrol Guards Smith and Short to take him to the deputy's office and when Jones saw the patrol he seized a ten-pound wrench and prepared for business. A general fracas ensued in which Patrol Smith got tangled up in some barbed wire and had his pants torn entirely off and Patrol Short, being in danger of his life from the murderous convict, shot him in the face.

The shot did not at once stay him, however, and other guards rushing in he was pounded on the head until he was insensible. Prison Physician Rowles says that Jones' injuries are not fatal. Jones tried to kill Deputy Patton during the Foraker administration.

## A LITERARY RING.

Curious Charges Made by a Washington Newspaper.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Washington Post charges that there is a literary ring in the state department which holds control of all the valuable historical documents purchased by the United States at public expense, and refuses access to them except to a small coterie of New England historical writers. It mentions specific instances where a prominent western writer has made numerous efforts to obtain copies of some of these documents but has always been repulsed, though armed with orders from the leading state department officials. The Post names a prominent Massachusetts congressman in connection with this alleged Boston ring and calls for an investigation by congress.

## Big Minneapolis Failure.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 28.—The failure of the old real estate firm of E. S. Corser & Co. was announced Monday. The liabilities will reach a million dollars, but it is thought the assets will more than cover all obligations.

## The Mississippi Frozen Over.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 28.—In exposed places the mercury dropped to 15 below Monday morning. Monday afternoon persons were crossing the Mississippi on foot, and at night the ice bridge will hold teams.

## REINE'S ROMANCE.

She Comes From France to Wed, But Meets With Disappointment.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—Reine Duhaute, a pretty French girl, after having made a journey across the ocean and half across the American continent to marry her sweetheart, started on her return homeward Tuesday morning, the victim of her faithless lover.

Mutual friends started a correspondence between Mlle. Duhaute and Felix Dunas, a Frenchman who came to this country in 1890 and bought a ranch in Oklahoma. The correspondence led to the engagement of the two, although they had never seen each other. Finally the day was set for the wedding, and Mlle. Duhaute, who was a governess at the time in an Englishman's family in London, started for America to meet her intended husband. The meeting place was to have been the office of French Consul Long.

Mlle. Duhaute arrived promptly on time, but M. Dunas failed to put in an appearance. Consul Long wrote to the tardy lover, and received a reply from Dunas that he had changed his mind, and that he did not now desire to marry Mlle. Duhaute. This drove the little Frenchwoman distracted, and she threatened to commit suicide, having no friends in the country and no means to return home. Consul Long informed her mistress in London of the situation by cable, and the latter cabled funds for Mlle. Duhaute to return to London. She started on the homeward journey Tuesday.

## RIOT AT A FESTIVAL.

A Fusillade of Bullets, and Colored Men and Women Are Shot.

DOVER, Ky., Dec. 28.—A terrible riot and battle with pistols occurred here Tuesday. Over fifty shots were fired and several persons will die from their wounds. It was followed by a battle between the negroes and officers.

In the melee these four negroes were shot: Ruth Field, aged 18, shot in the groin with a gun in the hands of Walter Green. Green was aiming at Charles Whaley. Whaley was dangerously wounded also. Charles Berry got three bullets in his body. Another, name unknown, was fatally shot.

The trouble occurred at a festival and dance and began over a trifling dispute between Green and Berry. All were intoxicated. Berry began to abuse Green and fired at him several times. Green ran in the house and got a shotgun, when a general firing began. After Green had shot the woman all fled. Then the real trouble began. Berry and Whaley shot at Green's house and smashed the windows and doors. Marshal Gibson summoned a posse and pursued the Negroes. Both sides began shooting, and the crack of pistols and whizzing of bullets aroused the town. Three of the escaping party were shot, but their names are not known, as they were carried off.

## SIMPLE CEREMONY.

The Remains of Father Henri, the Economist, Interred.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 28.—The remains of Father Henri, the Economist, were interred in the Harmonists' cemetery at Economy Tuesday afternoon. The services were very simple but impressive, and were conducted by John Duss, the new leader of the community. The coffin was made of rough pine board, painted black. There were no handles to it, nothing by which it might be carried, and the silver plate upon which the name and age are usually inscribed was missing. The body was clothed in a plain white sheet, wrapped round and round until it formed a perfect shroud.

No pall-bearers had been selected, and the six men nearest the corpse picked it up and carried it to the grave. The Economites are buried side by side in one long row, with no headstone, number, or, in fact, anything to tell where they lie.

## Moonshining in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A moonshiner doing business in the heart of Chicago was discovered Tuesday. His still is located in a brick house which stands in the square not 5 blocks from the Grant monument in Lincoln park. The entire neighborhood around the little distillery is of the most exclusive kind. The little house has never been occupied by but one man, and he and his habits have long been a matter of much curiosity. Of late no attention has been paid to the man, and it was only by accident that his little still was discovered Tuesday. The revenue officials and the police are yet in ignorance of the still's existence.

## Coldest in Twenty-One Years.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 28.—It was intensely cold in this section Tuesday morning, being the coldest in twenty-one years. It was fourteen degrees below zero. On Wilkesbarre mountain several freight trains had to be abandoned for the time being. The brakemen were almost frozen to death, the crew of one train being entirely disabled. The engineer went back to flag the approaching train and was overcome by the cold and lay down on the track. The engineer of an approaching train stopped in time to rescue him and prevent an accident.

## Tennessee River Frozen Over.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Not for years has the weather been so cold in this region as that now prevailing. The French, Broad and Pigeon rivers, among the swiftest streams in the country, are frozen over in many places. Several Star Mail routes in Upper East Tennessee and Western North Carolina have been abandoned and the most intense suffering prevails among the mountain people.

## Worst in Twenty Years at Fort Monroe.

FORT MONROE, Va., Dec. 28.—The worst blizzard in twenty years struck this vicinity about midnight, and the snow has been falling ever since. The electric car line to Hampton is blocked, and navigation is suspended.

## River Traffic Suspended.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 28.—The Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio rivers are frozen over and river traffic is entirely suspended, for the first time in many years.

## EMPHYSEMA.

Remarkable Case at the Baltimore City Hospital.

A Baltimorean Swells Up Until He Looks Like a Balloon.

Every Breath He Takes Adds to His Misery—Nothing Can Be Done For Him Except to Tap Him—Strange Result of an Accident.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—A most curious case of emphysema, or air swelling, has been developed at the city hospital, and the patient has assumed the shape of a balloon. His skin is as tight as a drum-head, and he is liable to burst at any moment. The man is Frederick Otto, aged 48 years. He was employed as a driver by the Adams Express Co., and while at work in the company's warehouse was caught between a moving car and the wall and dragged about ten feet. He was crushed as though between rollers and several of his ribs were broken. The sharp ends of the bones were driven through his lungs and he was sent to the city hospital in a carriage. Soon after his arrival at the hospital he began to swell up, and since then has been constantly increasing in size. The cause of the swelling is the escape of air from the punctured lung, which is now pumped from the lung among the tissues between the flesh and the skin. At every breath the sufferer involuntarily injects more air under his skin until he is now a perfect human balloon. "Nothing can be done for him except to tap him, and the doctors are of the opinion that he will die soon, even if he doesn't burst, of which event there is strong probability. The sufferer is a sight. His face, limbs and body are swollen up until the features are badly distorted and he is almost incapable of motion. Pressure on the skin with the fingers showed it to be drawn tightly over the cushion of air beneath, and it felt just like an air pillow. In places the skin is discolored from the severe strain and it seems ready to tear open. The man is still conscious.

## Alleged Murderer Out on Bonds.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Jas. Duffy, who was arrested here on the charge of murdering Mrs. Kate Higgins, his mother-in-law, at Cairo, was taken before a justice in Ritchie county and admitted to bail in the sum of \$4,000. Since the arrest of Duffy witnesses have appeared who testify that they heard the sound of blows and the moaning of some one in Duffy's house the night of the killing.

## White House Still Quarantined.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The white house is still in a state of quarantine, and bids fair to remain so for at least three weeks to come. Red cards saying, "Scarlet fever within" are conspicuous on the entrances to the private part of the mansion on the first and second floors, and the outside doors display small notices to the effect that the house is closed to the public.

## A Princeton Professor Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Gen. Jos. Karge, professor of continental languages and literature in Princeton college, died on a Pennsylvania railroad ferry boat, Tuesday afternoon, of heart disease. The general was on his way to this city to spend the holidays with his son. Gen. Karge has been celebrated for a generation as one of the institutions of Princeton college.

## Outlaws Appointed as Officers.

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Dec. 28.—Following close upon the appointment of Bill Dalton, brother of the noted Dalton boys, as deputy United States marshal, comes the announcement of the appointment of Bill Lipsey to a similar position. Lip was formerly a member of the noted "Starr gang."

## Ruled Off the Turf for Fraud.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—The board of control met Tuesday evening to continue its investigation of the running of Miss Gilkey in the fifth race Tuesday, and, finding that the running was fraudulent, ruled the mare, her owner, Del Jordan, and the jockey, Frank Jordan, off the turf.

## Rev. Covert Not Insane.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 28.—Rev. W. R. Covert, the ex-attorney-in-fact of the Order of Solon, and treasurer of the syndicate of Harlem claimants, whose mind gave way under the severe strain consequent on the Solon investigation, was discharged from St. Francis hospital Tuesday.

## Shot in the Eye.

CANTON, O., Dec. 28.—The accidental discharge of a toy air-gun penetrated the pupil of an eye of five-year-old Besie Offenburger. One year ago, while demented, her mother drank concentrated lye and beat her brains out with a hatchet.

## Express Train Wrecked.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—California express No. 1, on the Santa Fe road, was wrecked at Emporia, Kan., Tuesday morning. Engineer Carpenter had his leg broken, and two other trainmen were injured. So far as is known none of the passengers were hurt.

## His Body Found in a Culvert.

ARDMORE, I. T., Dec. 28.—The body of Robert Cutts, after whose disappearance a week ago a delinquent post office account was discovered, has been found in a railroad culvert near his home. He had evidently committed suicide while drunk and disoriented.

## Cost Him His Life.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 28.—A Byerly, a young man living at the agency, went to bed at the Laclede hotel and got up to turn on the electric light, but turned on the gas instead. He was found dead in his room Tuesday morning.

## Killed in a Mine.

OPIN, Ill., Dec. 28.—Jacob Fields, 37 years old, was killed here in the coal mine at about 11 o'clock Tuesday. This is the second man killed in the mine here within six weeks.

## KRUPP'S GIANT GUN.

One of the Big Things to Be Seen at the World's Fair.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—The Maryland Steel Co.'s enormous shear legs at the marine works at Sparrows Point, are nearly ready to receive Krupp's 124-ton gun, to be exhibited at the World's fair. The hydraulic mechanism by which the shears will be worked is completed. New trestle work is to be erected under the bridge of the Baltimore & Sparrows Point railroad across Bear creek, to give the structure greater strength to support the weight of the gun.

It is said the gun will cost nearly \$500,000. Its length, eighty-seven feet, is nearly twice that of the largest gun owned in this country, which is forty-five feet long. It is said that if fired on the lake front at Chicago the concussion would be so great that it would shatter nearly all the window glass in Chicago. The gun will carry a ball fifteen or sixteen miles. The gun and the several pieces of smaller ordnance and armor plate to comprise the Krupp exhibit will probably be brought over next month. The special cars being constructed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. to carry the exhibit to Chicago will be finished and delivered at Sparrows Point in a couple of weeks.

The cars will be the largest ever built and almost entirely of iron. One of them will be placed on thirty-two unusually large and strong wheels. This will be used for transporting the 124-ton gun.

## TORTURED TO DEATH.

Sickening Story of the Treatment of Four Mexican Children.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 28.—The authors of a fiendish scheme of which the first indication was discovered the other day, when the body of a boy five years old was found with 257 bites and burns, has been discovered. They are the uncle of the child and his wife.

The father of the boy was transported some years ago to Yucatan, the mother remaining in Mexico in charge of the children. She died some months ago and the orphans were left in charge of an uncle, who cruelly mistreated them, chastising them with the utmost barbarity and almost starving them to death.

On being arrested he confessed to having punished the child in question, but denies having done so with the intention of killing him. The three other orphans left in his charge are not forthcoming, and he is supposed to have made away with them also.

## DE REINACH POISONED.

More Secrets of the Great French Scandal Leaked Out.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Figaro stated Tuesday that it has information that Dr. Bronardel, who had charge of the post mortem examination on the body of Baron De Reinach, has determined by chemical analysis that the baron was poisoned and that the poison was taken into his stomach eight hours before death.

The family of Reinach has demanded a judicial inquiry to prove that the baron did not commit suicide. It is said the police are working on the theory that the baron was put out of the way by certain people in high places who feared the baron's evidence might implicate them in the Panama scandal.

It has been discovered that De Reinach's death was linked with the sudden and mysterious deaths of two other men who were cognizant of the bribery of legislators, and this gives added strength to the demand of the baron's family for a judicial inquiry.

## Marshals Captured by Moonshiners.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 28.—Deputy United States Marshals Gibson and Jay captured a large illicit still in Randolph county, and while guarding it, awaiting the arrival of a deputy collector, were attacked by a party of twenty-five armed men, who overpowered them and recovered the still. Several shots were fired, but no one was hurt. Deputy Collector Thompson has started in pursuit of the distillers. Collector Moseley has telegraphed to Commissioner Mason for authority to organize a force to follow and capture the participants in the affair, as well as to capture several other stills which have been located in that county.

## Cholera in Circassia.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Standard says: A British consul who has visited the famine districts of Kieff, Bessarabia, Khartoff, Koursk, Razan, Orel, Tula and Voronezh reports that the peasants are dying like flies from hunger and disease. There is no sign of relief from the horrors of a hard winter. In Sebastopol he learned from a trustworthy source that cholera is raging severely on the Circassian shore. Hundreds of deaths have been reported in the last fortnight.

## The Dynamite Cruiser Vesuvius.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The navy department has mapped out a most exhaustive trial for the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius and her guns. The trial will take place at Port Royal, S. C., about January 15. She will be ready to leave the New York navy yard on December 28, but it is expected that Rear Admiral Walker, who will issue the instructions for her movements, will not send her south until January 2. Eighty-four projectiles in all are to be fired during the trial—sixty-six blank and eighteen loaded.

## A Real Duel in Alabama.

FLORENCE, Ala., Dec. 28.—From Leighton, Ala., comes the story of a most remarkable shooting affray, which occurred Christmas. Dr. Hooks Moore and J. T. Letsinger decided to settle a quarrel with pistols at short range. They met Christmas Day in Leighton and opened fire. Eleven shots were exchanged, two of which pierced Moore's arms, two perforated Letsinger's hands, and two lodged in a bystander's legs. The other five shots have not been heard from.

## Pastor's Seventieth.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Tuesday was the seventieth anniversary of the birth of Louis Pasteur. It is being commemorated by high dignitaries of this city and the nation.

## A NOVEL SUIT.

Of General Interest to Borrowers and Lenders.

The Right of a Bank to Charge a Commission Besides the Full

Legal Rate of Interest For a Loan of Money is Raised in the Supreme Court at Chicago—Over a Million Dollars at Issue.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A judgment for \$1,200,000 is asked, and the right of a bank to charge a commission besides the full legal rate of interest for a loan is raised in a plea filed in the superior court Tuesday morning. The case is that of the Western national bank, of New York, against Allison, Shaffer & Co. On November 10 last the plaintiff began an assumpsit suit for \$200,000 against the defendants. The action was brought on two notes given by the defendants to secure loans by the plaintiff. One was given in November, 1891, and was for \$125,000. The other bore date of January 26, 1892, and was for \$50,000. The fact that the defendant is the company which is building the World's fair tracks for the Illinois Central, and is one of the largest railroad construction contractors, excited considerable interest in the suit. The company, it is said, is backed by unlimited capital. The plea filed is a lengthy one, and claims that the notes were absolutely void because of the usurious rate of interest charged by the bank.

The New York statute is set up, which makes it unlawful not only to charge more than 6 per cent., but to accept or reserve any greater sum or value or consideration of any kind other than six dollars on every one hundred dollars per year. Both notes, says the plea, bore six per cent. interest. On the first loan the defendants, by agreement, paid a commission of \$25,000 over and above the interest. On the second \$5,595 was agreed to be paid, and was paid in consideration of the bank making the loan.

In addition to this the defendant alleges that the plaintiff has \$1,200,000 worth of railroad bonds belonging to Allison, Shaffer & Co. in their possession. These bonds were deposited as collateral security for the alleged usurious advances. The plaintiff, well-knowing the notes were void, has refused to return the bonds to the defendant, thereby sustaining more damage than is due the plaintiff by reason of the loans. It is further alleged that the plaintiff made a pretended and fraudulent sale of these bonds, and bought them in for the ridiculous sum of \$10,000. For these reasons the defendant wants the court to enter judgment in their favor, and against the bank for \$1,200,000.

## Gov. Buchanan Pardons a Forger.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 28.—The most famous forger in the Tennessee penitentiary has been pardoned by Gov. Buchanan. J. Clay Johnson, who forged himself into jail, and then out at liberty again. Johnson was convicted of forgery in May, 1890, and sentenced to six years in the penitentiary for forging a note for \$200 on Y. P. McDiarmore, a wealthy Carroll county man, and selling it to the bank of Carroll. He was in the Virginia penitentiary three for the same kind of business.

## Straita Closed Earlier Than Usual.

CHEBOYGAN, Mich., Dec. 28.—The straighta are frozen over at the earliest date for years past. The mercury has been as low as ten degrees below zero at times since Saturday, but the weather is moderating. The ferryboat St. Ignace was lost in the snow storm Saturday night, and did not make the crossing.

## Orphans' Narrow Escape.

CRAWFORDVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.—The Orphans' home was destroyed by fire Monday night. Loss \$28,000, with only \$3,500 insurance. There were many narrow escapes, some of the children being taken from the building in their night-clothes, while others were only rescued at great peril.

## Mad-Dog Scare.

ST. CLOUD, Minn., Dec. 28.—The mad dog scare has reached this city. The police Tuesday pursued two canines that showed symptoms of rabies, and both were killed. Officers have special instructions to be on their guard against mad dogs.

## Twenty-two Degrees Below Zero.

HYRON, S. D., Dec. 28.—Intensely cold weather has prevailed here and throughout the Jim River valley for the past three days. The thermometer at the U. S. weather bureau registered 12 to 22 degrees below zero. No suffering is reported from any direction.

## Free Gift to a Medical College.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 28.—Mr. John L. Woods, a wealthy retired lumber dealer, gave \$125,000 to the medical college of Western Reserve university as a Christmas present. The college is already one of the best in the country. The university has received during the past two years gifts aggregating \$400,000.

## Deadly Diphtheria.

LAMBERTVILLE, N. J., Dec. 28.—John B. Smith, residing here, buried his nineteen-year-old son on Saturday. Christmas morning two more of his children were buried. Tuesday morning the last remaining child and Mrs. Smith were not expected to live. Diphtheria is the fatal disease.

Sleet and Snow-Storm in North Carolina. WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 28.—Christmas wound up here with a young blizzard. A heavy sleet-storm prevailed Monday night, and snow covers the ground to a depth of two inches, beating Wilmington's snow record for several years.

## Overdue Vessels.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Of more than 20 steamships due or overdue, only four have reached port up to 1 o'clock Tuesday, and these bore striking evidence of the tough weather and intense cold experienced.

## CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered From All Parts of the Country By Telegraph.

Four cases of small-pox were received at the Riverside hospital, New York city, Tuesday morning.

Rev. Wm. Perrin, of St. Luke's church, in Hantz, has been appointed bishop of British Columbia.

Miss Gertrude Grosvenor, of Ohio, has been promoted from clerk at \$1,000 to one of \$1,800 in the pension office.

Four more cases of cholera and two more deaths were reported to the health authorities in Hamburg Tuesday.

At Rockville, Ind., Jack Dillon, of California, knocked out Billy Doyle, the Southern Cyclone, of Memphis, Tenn., in ten rounds. The contest was for \$500 aside.

Frederich Frisch, who misappropriated \$16,000 while he was local manager of the cotton firm of Gassner & Co., of Liverpool, was convicted of embezzlement at New Orleans.

Information reached Nashville Tuesday to the effect that P. H. Thrasher, fusion candidate for congress against Hon. R. A. Enloe, in the Eighth district of Tennessee, has served notice of contest.

The Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway and the Kansas City, Nevada & Fort Smith are engaged in a lively crossing war, which threatens to result seriously. The seat of war is twelve miles west of Nevada, Mo.

The rebels in the province of Corrientes, Argentine Republic, have defeated the provincial troops in a number of skirmishes, and have seized the towns of Mercedes and Caseros and the railway lines of the district.

Dr. Paul Gihler, president of the New York Bacteriological society, claims to have a cure for epilepsy in a medicine prepared from the organs of a sheep. He says he discovered it while studying the Pasteur hydrophobia treatment.

A family named Rasmussen, living five miles west of Bradley, S. D., was asphyxiated by coal gas Tuesday night. The family consisted of husband, wife and infant child. The mother and child died and the father's chances of living are slim.

A frightful domestic tragedy is reported from Tehuantepec, Mex. The terrible affair was due to the frenzied action of a jealous man, who literally chopped to death, with a sugar-cane knife, his wife, mother-in-law and sister-in-law.

The coroner's jury having laid the blame for the Nelson accident on Conductor W. A. Nickey and Engineer Mullaney, the sheriff of Douglas county, Minn., Tuesday arrested both men at St. Cloud, Minn. The complaint will be manslaughter.

The banks of Reading, Pa., have been directed by Mayor Merritt to refuse payment of any checks issued by City Treasurer Obold. In the meantime an investigation is being made into the affairs of the city treasurer's office. Mr. Obold denies all reports of mismanagement of city finances.

## THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28. FLOUR—Winter patent, \$3.75@4.15; fancy, \$3.15@3.30; family, \$2.50@2.60; extra, \$1.90@2.10; low grade, \$1.60@2.00; spring patent, \$4.35@4.50; spring fancy, \$3.50@3.75; spring family, \$3.00@3.10; Rye flour, \$3.00@3.10; Buckwheat, \$2.00@2.25 per 100 lb sack.

WHEAT—The market was quiet. Good No. 2 red was held at 60c, with sales at that figure for choice samples wanted for milling requirements. Buyers' views, on order account, were not above 60c. No. 3 red was quotable at 57 1/2c, according to quality.

CORN—The market was easy and the distilling trade took hold freely at elevated rates during the later hours on change. Sales reported of No. 2 white, spot, track, at 48 1/2c; No. 2 mixed, track, at 48c.

OATS—The market was firm for top qualities of white No. 2 being held at 38 1/2c@39c, and No. 3 white at 36 1/2c@37c. No. 2 mixed quitable at 34 1/2c, according to sample.

RYE—Market firm and demand moderate. Choice northwestern held at 50c, on car selling at quotation. Prime to choice western quotable at 47 1/2c.

CATTLE—Shippers, fair to good, \$4.00@4.40; extra, a little higher. Oxen: Good to choice, \$3.25@4.00; common to fair, \$2.00@3.00; select butcher, \$4.00@4.40; extra, \$4.50 to good, \$5.00@5.20; common, \$2.00@2.75. Hogs: Good to choice, \$3.25@3.80; common to fair, \$1.75@2.75.

VEAL CALVES—Good demand and market steady. Common and large, \$3.00@3.50; fair to good light, \$3.50@4.00; extra, 4.50. Hogs—Select heavy and prime butcher, \$6.50@7.00; none of the best on sale; fair to good packing, \$6.40@6.50; fair to good light, \$6.25@6.50; fat pigs, \$5.50@6.10.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep—Wethers, \$4.25@5.00; fat ewes, \$4.00@4.3